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SPEEDSTER SCHOOL: CLASS IS IN SESSION!

Photos by Mark Moore



Upholstery class: This isn't your mother's sewing needle!



Above and right: students get up close and personal with the engine.

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Woodworking class: Hand tools outside on a sunny October day... what could be better?



Remembering a Great Friend, Don Petersen

By Andy Ottolia and Mike Bostwick

Don passed away on Friday, December 15, 2017 and will be greatly missed here at the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum.

He was a man of many talents and a wonderful human being.

His passion for the automobile was ignited as a boy when he started collecting toys and then continued with his extensive collection of cars and memorabilia.

For some time he owned and ran a prominent restoration shop in Portland and later became Plant Maintenance Supervisor at Portland Freightliner. Don was also an automobile appraiser and in the 1970's, was one of the founders of the Forest Grove Concours D'Elegance where he devoted over 40 years of service as a judge to the prestigious car show.

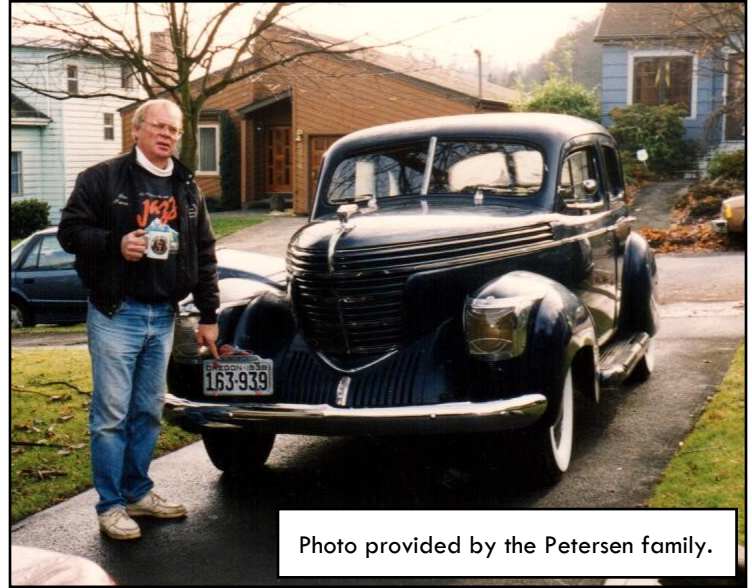


Photo provided by the Petersen family.



In this 2014 photo, Don and Andy Ottolia work with speedster class member Joshua.

Don also helped start the Portland Swap Meet and was active in it for 39 years. He was also active in two Portland area clubs, HACO and the Early Ford V8 Club. Don shared his passion and knowledge with all those around him. He was the "go-to" man at the Museum for mechanical, body and paint or auto history questions. His mind and his memory were very sharp and he could name models, makes and years of cars from the early 1900s clear up to modern cars.

Don loved the Museum's Speedster program and for more than 10 years he mentored youth and Museum members with his vast knowledge and wonderful teaching abilities.

His smiles and his jovial sense of humor around the museum will be greatly missed, but we will forever be grateful for Don touching our lives and making us better humans.

Don leaves his wife Carol, son Hans, daughters Karen and Robin, and grandson Emmett.

A memorial service for Don will be held Saturday January 20, 2018 from 12-3 pm at the Museum. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Museum's Educational Programs.



In this January 2016 photo, Don shows off Speedster #1 to a young visitor at the Northwest Ag Show.

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Amazing 1926 Pontiac Donation

By Andy Ottolia

Robert Falleur of Milwaukie, Oregon recently donated a gem of an addition to the Museum's collection of exceptional vehicles: A 1926 Pontiac four door sedan. Although not rare in terms of production numbers, it is very very rare in terms of its condition, which makes it "one of



a kind." This 92-year-old time capsule is in all original condition and has less than 30,000 miles on the clock. It spent the majority of its life, over 60 years, in a barn in a Montana ranch where it remained well-preserved. When was the last time you saw a car this old with original paint, seats, door panels, headliner, and wool carpets? And they are all in great condition including the 6-cylinder engine that purrs right along. With the exception of the tires, a new rubber running board cover and a new battery, it's in all original condition just as it left the factory. 1926 was also the very first year of production for the Pontiac brand as a new division of General Motors Corporation. So this is a very special car that you must see. Come by the Museum and check out this jewel this summer! We are also planning to show this original Pontiac at various shows this year.

Update for the Ladies

By Joann Blain

The Ladies have dismantled their displays for the year but are already planning for the new display for next year. We want to thank everyone who helped make this year a success and look forward to working with each of you again. We would love to see more ladies get involved.

Plans for the next raffle quilt are in the works. It will feature motorcycle fabrics so we expect all of you motorcycle enthusiasts to buy lots of tickets. We will also be displaying car and motorcycle club jackets and dolls of various decades and types. If you have a jacket or doll you would like to display for the summer please let us know. Any questions or ideas can be directed to Rosemary Bostwick (503-313-4411) or Joanne Blain (503-585-8078).

Matching Funds Campaign Update

By Andy Ottolia, Fundraising Chariman

Our Matching Funds Campaign is coming along nicely and we want to thank all of you who have donated to this final phase of the Museum. The exterior of the 12,000-square-foot addition is complete and now ■ our goal is to finish the interior ground floor by next summer. We need to keep the construction continuing through the winter for this to happen. Therefore, we need your help. In the last two months we have raised \$27,000 toward our goal of \$40,000. Help us raise the remaining \$13,000 with your donation!

The Matching Funds Campaign has been extended to April 15, 2018 so donations can be made for the 2018 tax year, too. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit so your donations are tax deductible.

Once our museum is complete we will have a first-class facility, an investment of over \$2,000,000 that is yours to enjoy and for generations to come. Please make it a point to get involved not only financially and as a member but also as a volunteer, docent and mentor. The Museum's future counts on you. This is a wonderful facility of not only automotive history, car shows, and family activities, but our Speedster Program is helping at-risk youth and changing lives. Enrich your life and share your passion!

I count on you to be a part of the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum in 2018!



**Help us finish the
interior of our first
floor!**

**With your
donations this
can be a
reality by next
summer!**



Speedster Program Update

By Don Blain

The Speedster Program has been progressing nicely this year. We have been averaging 4 students but always welcome more, if possible. We have had as many as 7 students in attendance.

The students have been working on a 1929 Model A Roadster. Our goal is to have it completed by the end of the school year in June 2018.

Another project in the works is a 1928 Chevrolet, style to be determined.

We are still working on the 1926 Model T Roadster Pickup for the museum. We have received several nice donations for which we want to thank those who contributed them to the program.



Mentors and students pose for a photo in October 2017. Photo by Mark Moore.

Why We Always Rent from Enterprise

By Marty Boehme

Enterprise rent-a-car company is a GREAT source for all members of our museum to rent from. They have taken part in the Museum's speedster program for the last nine years. Our board encourages all Museum members to use Enterprise.

Ken Logan, one of Enterprise's employees, is a retired guy who has volunteered his time to transport the Speedster students from Salem's Roberts High School to the speedster shop. Enterprise provides the van on their own dime. Ken drives back and forth arriving about 9:00 AM every Thursday and picking the kids up just after lunch to take back to school.

The local franchise has the support of this nationwide rental company. Our Speedster shop has an Enterprise banner hanging on its back wall. It's a reminder to all visitors that Enterprise takes part in the Speedster program.

Now for a bit of history. During WWII, one of the Navy pilots serving on the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise was a guy named Jack Taylor. After his return home, he founded the car rental company named after the ship he served on. In 1962, Taylor took a fleet of seventeen cars and has built Enterprise into the world's largest rental car company.



Cruise to Cuba finds Cars, Curiosities

By Dan Morley



We recently took a Carnival cruise that stopped at Havana Cuba. The ship was tied up for over 24 hours and we had no restrictions on getting on or off the ship other than being on board before she sailed. We had previously arranged a tour for the eight of us traveling together which called for three vintage cars and drivers. All of the cars in our group had been repowered with 4-cylinder diesel engines and the matching transmissions and rear axles. One engine was a Hyundai, one was an Isuzu, and I forget what the third one was. All had functional air conditioning. Have you ever seen a '57 Chevy 4-door convertible? I saw several in Cuba. I am quite certain that they did not leave the factory that way. Makes me wonder how many of the 2-door convertibles are real also.

We had a great time on the tour and when it officially ended around 8 pm we settled with the drivers and then hired 2 of them to take us to the infamous Tropicana Club night club to catch one of their famous dance shows. There are different choices to go with the show, such as dinner and etc. We chose a package that got

the ladies a long stemmed rose and the guys a cigar. The table got a bottle of rum and everyone got a cola drink to mix.

The drivers picked us up around midnight for the 30 minute drive back to the ship. It was a Saturday night and it was fun to see all of

the partying and nightlife going on.

I really never expected to make it to Cuba, and am really glad that this cruise came along allowing us the chance to see at least a portion of the country.



The Toy Box

By Chip Hellie

This issue we have a wonderful old Roadside Rest Service Station by Marx (pictured below). This lithographed tin service station dates from around 1940. It features two lighted gas pumps along with a lighted car lift. Other fun pieces include oil cans, free air filling station, 200 gallon tank of unspecified contents, two rosy-cheeked chiefs, one who samples the grille more than the other, a cash register rung up to a \$1.25 and the obligatory salt and pepper shaker. A sign outside offers up this weeks special, 5 gallons of gas for \$1.00! Should have bought a bunch of that back then and stored it, right?

The car on the lit lift is a nicely done 1954 Buick Century Wagon with Fireball V8. Made by the Japanese firm of Yonezawa of Tokyo.

Everyone who enjoys old toys should have at least one of the fabulous tinplate Japanese friction cars made back in the late 40's to the early 60's. Their attention to detail and total charm make them a must have for any collector.

The Poetry Corner

Darn Kids Today

By Martin Doerfler

I often wonder when I'm in my shop
why those kids never stop
Not a one of those plugged in children
says hey mister, watcha buildin'
I'm inside, door open wide
working on my latest ride
Seems like some kid on the street
would think - Wow that's really neat

Know I did, sixty years ago
was first to ask – how fast does it go?
Is it race or is it show?
and never mind the welders fire
i'll just sit here on this tire
and be no trouble out of the way
unless I can help – What did you say?
Okay, sorry didn't mean to bother
can I come back tomorrow and bring my brother?

I often marvel when I'm in my shop
how lucky for me those kids never stop.





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Museum is at Antique Powerland, off
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| January 18, 2018 | Member/Board Meeting 2pm Texaco Service Station - all welcome |
| February 15, 2018 | Member/Board Meeting 2pm Texaco Service Station - all welcome |
| March 15, 2018 | Member/Board Meeting 2pm Texaco Service Station - all welcome |
| April 5-8, 2018 | Portland Swap Meet at the Expo Center |
| April 19, 2018 | Member/Board Meeting 2pm Texaco Service Station - all welcome |
| April 21, 2018 | Annual Member and Guest Appreciation Potluck and Gathering, 11:30 am |

Speedster classes meet Thursdays at Museum restoration shop 9am on these dates:

January 4, 11, 18, 25

February 1, 8, 15, 22

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

April 5, 12, 19, 26

MEMBER/BOARD MEETINGS are the 3rd Thursday of each month, 2 pm at the Texaco
Service Station on the Powerland grounds. Everyone is welcome!